

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A processing system comprising:

a timer; and

a control unit monitoring a button for instructing an
5 execution of an image photographing process, starting up said
timer if said button is depressed continuously for a
predetermined time or longer, and executing the image
photographing process after said timer has counted a
predetermined time.

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2. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said
control unit, if a depressing time of said button is less than
the predetermined time, executes the image photographing process
immediately after releasing said button from being depressed.

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3. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said
button is provided on a connectable/disconnectable image
acquisition device.

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4. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said
button is an object displayed on a display device.

5. A processing system comprising:

a module detecting a depressing time of a button
25 instructing an execution of an image photographing process; and
a module changing a timing of executing the image
photographing process after releasing said button from being

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depressed on the basis of the depressing time of said button.

/ 6. An image photographing system comprising:

5 a button instructing an execution of an image photographing
process;

a control unit monitoring a depression of said button;
and

a timer,

10 wherein said control unit starts up said timer by setting
a first count time upon detecting the depression of said button,
and starts up said timer by further setting a second count time
when the first count time has elapsed before the depressed button
is released, and

15 the image photographing process is executed after the
second count time has elapsed.

7. An image photographing system according to claim 6,
wherein the image photographing process is executed immediately
when the depressed button is released before the first count
20 time elapses.

/ 8. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible
embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine
to perform method steps comprising:

25 detecting a depression of a button for instructing to
execute an image photographing process;

starting up a timer by setting a first count time after

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detecting the depression of said button;

detecting a release of said button;

starting up said timer by further setting a second count
time when the first count time elapses before said depressed
5 button is released; and

executing the image photographing process after the second
count time has elapsed.

9. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible
10 embodying a program according to claim 8, of instructions
executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising
a step of executing the image photographing process immediately
when said depressed button is released before the first count
time elapses.

15 10. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible
embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine
to perform method steps comprising:

displaying, on a display device, a button of which a
20 depression is detectable;

detecting a depression of said button;

starting up a timer by setting a first count time after
detecting the depression of said button;

detecting a release of said button;

25 starting up said timer by further setting a second count
time when the first count time elapses before said depressed
button is released; and

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executing the image photographing process after the second count time has elapsed.

11. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible
5 embodying a program according to claim 10, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising a step of executing the image photographing process immediately when said depressed button is released before the first count time elapses.

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